

# NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION—FINAL RULE

## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES Division of Family and Children's Services

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**Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule:** Miss. Code Section 43-21-603

**Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule :** Amending the DFCS Policy Manual for FFY 2006

**Date Rule Proposed:** December 15, 2005

**Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:** 1) Wrote new policy removing the existence of Foster Care Review Boards, which became obsolete in 2000. 2) Wrote new policy, discarding the practice information, which was moved to a practice guide booklet. 3) Outlined that the County Conferences, formerly called Foster Care Review Boards, are periodic reviews that determine seven compliance criteria. 4) Defined "compliance".

**The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.**

☒ An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date: January 4, 2006  
Time: 11:00 a.m.  
Place: 750 N. State Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Family and Children's Services Conference Room, Jackson, MS.

☐ An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

**The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and**

☒ This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

☐ This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

☐ The rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are:  
Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption, the logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and  
The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

**Effective Date of Rule:** February 10, 2006

**Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing**  
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